

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4078
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CHENNAI-SALEM AND BANGALORE-SALEM AIR SERVICE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a demand to start air services between Chennai-Salem and Bangalore-Salem by Alliance Airlines;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any study to find out the feasibility;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b),(c) and (d): No, Sir. However, according to Indian Airlines' estimate, the level of traffic from Salem is not sufficient for viable operations with Jet type of aircraft available in Indian Airlines' fleet. The Turboprop type of aircraft in Indian Airlines' fleet is currently fully committed in operation of services to Lakshadweep. Due to non-availability of suitable smaller size aircraft, Indian Airlines is not in a position to operate services to Salem.